

Special Train at least twice a week to facilitate the movement of security personnel; and

(i) if so, the time by which the said train is likely to be started;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whenever there is movement of units on duty, railways run out Special Trains from Jammu as per requisition of military and para-military forces. In addition, separate reservation quota has been provided in various trains for the exclusive use of military personnel and at least one general second class compartment has been earmarked in all mail/express trains leaving Jammu Tawi Station for exclusive use of the military personnel. In addition, a monthly special train is run from Jammu to Delhi to facilitate clearance of military personnel going on leave. Some general accommodation has also been earmarked for CRPF/BSF personnel in important trains.

(c) The military personnel travel in reserved class as well as in unreserved coaches earmarked for them.

(d) to (g) Exclusive reservation quota is available for Defence personnel with MCO, Jammu. The excess demand of military personnel and the demand of paramilitary forces for reserved accommodation can be obtained by them from the Computerised Reservation Offices on First-come-first-served basis.

Computerised reservation facilities are available at Jammu Tawi Railway Station from where Jawans may make reservations. Jammu reservation office has been provided connectivity with the Systems of Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras alongwith Delhi System. Discussions are on with the Department of Posts, who is responsible for the operation of the computerised reservation office at Srinagar to accept travel vouchers tendered by the security forces. Due to lack of adequate infrastructure and staff, provision of these facilities is not being considered at Udhampur and Rajouri at present.

(h) No, Sir.

(i) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

5374. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post-offices proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98, district-wise;

(b) the number of post-offices out of the total number of proposed to be opened in Mohanlalganj constituency in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the proposed locations ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) It is proposed to open 6 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 70 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the Annual Plan, 1997-98. The allocation of targets is done Postal Circle-wise and not district-wise. Post offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of targets and resources. The proposal is formulated whenever there is either a demand for post office or a justification for the same is felt during the course of day to day functioning. The proposal is then examined and only when it is found to be justified on the basis of the departmental norms of population, distance and Income Post Office is sanctioned subject to availability of resources.

[English]

#### Telephone Connections in Karnataka

5375. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided in Karnataka during the last six months;

(b) the number of telephone connections disconnected in the rural areas of Karnataka during the above period; district-wise;

(c) the details and reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide install tower type telephone connections in Karnataka particularly in Chikmagalur district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of telephone connections provided in Karnataka during the October, 1996 to March, 1997 are as follows :—

Month	Number of Connections	
	Provided	
October	1996	5871
November	1996	9984
December	1996	2234
January	1997	19478
February	1997	27959
March	1997	71598

(b) and (c) Information in this regard is being collected from the field units and the same will be placed on the table of the House.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed to provide about 200 tower type of telephone connections (Multi Access Radio Relay Sys-

tem) in Chikmagalur out of about 3000 connections proposed for Karnataka Telecom Circle for 1997-98.

#### Waiting List in Chikmagalur

5376. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that thousands of applicants are on the waiting list for telephone connections at various Telephone Exchanges under the Chikmagalur area district in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, exchange-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the exchanges and to clear the backlogs within short time?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 102 exchanges in Chikmagalur Telecomm. District and the waiting list is 5046. The details are given in the statement attached.

(c) The entire Waiting list is likely to be cleared by March, 98 subject to availability of resources.

#### Statement

*Chikmagalur-Waiting List as on 31.03.97*

S.No.	Name of Exchange	Type of Exchanges	Waiting List
1	2	3	4
1.	Addagadde	CDOT	50
2.	Ajjampura	CDOT	41
3.	Aldur	ECA+CDOT	190
4.	Amrulkapura	MILT	50
5.	Anoor	CDOT	61
6.	Antharagatta	MILT	23
7.	Arasinaguppe	MILT+CDOT	71
8.	Alligundi	MILT	19
9.	Avathi	MILT+CDOT	35
10.	Balahole	CDOT	40
11.	Balehonnur	NEAX	28
12.	Banakal	CDOT	114
13.	Bandigadi	CDOT	34
14.	Bararikatte	CDOT	81
15.	Begar	MILT	29
16.	Bettagera	CDOT	17
17.	Bidare	CDOT	16
18.	Birne	CDOT	12
19.	Bukkambudi	CDOT+MILT	23
20.	Chiknagalur	CDOT	600

1	2	3	4
21.	Chowlahiriyur	MILT	9
22.	Daradaballi	MILT	38
23.	Darakoppa	MILT	66
24.	Devonur	MILT	11
25.	Gadomeshwara	MILT	20
26.	Gonibeedu	CDOT	88
27.	Goodahalli	CDOT	29
28.	Gubgal	CDOT	38
29.	Gullanpe	CDOT	51
30.	Gutti	MILT	11
31.	Hanthur	CDOT	26
32.	Hariharapnra	CDOT+MILT	120
33.	Herur	MILT	49
34.	Hirabyle	CDOT	29
35.	Hirakbdige	CDOT	43
36.	Hiranallur	CDOT	9
37.	Hoorinahaklu	MILT	15
38.	Haranadu	MILT	8
39.	Hunaregatla	MILT	19
40.	Javali	CDOT	48
41.	Jayapura	CDOT	89
42.	Joldal	CDOT	47
43.	K.B. Hall	CDOT	45
44.	Kabbinahalli	CDOT	49
45.	Kachlge	CDOT	63
46.	Kadna	CDOT+SBM	19
47.	Kalara	ECAX	143
48.	Kalasapura	MILT+MILT	45
49.	Kammardi	CDOT	133
50.	Kanathi	MILT	36
51.	Kelgna	CDOT	73
52.	Kemmanugundi	MILT	10
53.	Kesuvnamane	MILT	5
54.	Kigga	CDOT	41
55.	Koppa	CDOT+SBM	202
56.	Koranahalli	MILT	8
57.	Kudhir	MILT	12
58.	Kudregundi	CDOT	61
59.	Kundur	MILT	17
60.	Kunkanadu	MILT	24
61.	Lakkavalli	MILT+CDOT	10
62.	Lakya	MILT+MILT	20
63.	Lingadahalli	MILT+CDOT	30
64.	M.C. Halli	MILT	50
65.	Magundi	MILT	37